



MEETING MINUTES

BOARD/COMMITTEE NAME: Mendon Economic Development Committee

DATE OF MEETING: Wednesday, June 12, 2019

TIME OF MEETING: 6:30 P.M.

LOCATION OF MEETING: Mendon Town Hall

Members Present: Tom Merolli (Chair), John Danielson, Jordan Guzman, Tim Persson, Todd Gleason, Seth Shurfro,

Meeting called to order 6:36 by chair Tom Merolli

1. Motion to accept minutes from April 24, 2019 EDC meeting. (Jordan/John 2nd/unanimous in favor)
2. Discussion of Town Owned Parcels – The committee reviewed the list of town owned parcels and discussed which should be recommended to the Board of Selectman to assessed and targeted for future sale or use. It was noted there is a conservation restriction on the Milford St/North Ave property (Taft Orchard). Voted to recommend the Morrison Street and Taft Orchard properties (Tim motion/John 2nd/unanimous in favor)
3. Review of Blackstone Valley Restaurant Week – 11 restaurants participated. Pulse collected data for restaurant metrics
4. Discussion of New Business Information – Tom presented information that is pertinent to new businesses opening in Mendon regarding licensing and permits, zoning, inspections, etc. The committee made recommendations on how to consolidate and package that information to streamline the new business process.

The document is in the process of being refined and will be made available at a future date.

5. Preparation for joint meeting on 6/19/19 with Board of Selectman, Planning Board and Historic Committee

a. Center of Town Revitalization

6. Tom to meet on June 17, 2019 with representatives from the Water Board, Finance Committee and Board of Selectman to discuss Mendon water sources

7. Discussion of Business Directory – There is functionality within the Mendon website to create a Business Directory listing categories and links to business in town. Committee voted to create business directory (Tim motion/Jordan 2nd/unanimous in favor) Targeting fall 2019 to start working on the directory

8. Proposal of Farmers Market – Mendon resident Kristin Auclair presented a project plan for “Mendon Made” a farmer’s market in Medon. Proposal included a list of local farms, risk assessment, ideas for format, logistics and requirements. The committee supported the proposal and provided some suggestions of possible locations, and collaborations like merging with Mendon Fest in August.

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 24th, 2019 6:30 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:03PM (Todd motion, John 2nd)